

himself, but also for the 1.7 million disabled persons living in my home State of Michigan. Seventy-five years ago, almost to the day, Mr. Filippis's legs were mangled in a train accident, forcing amputation.

Frustrated by the discrimination plaguing him in the years that followed, he sought change. And change he found.

Mr. Filippis accepted a position as the apprentice of Carl Wright, who worked for a company that made his prosthetic legs; 10 years later they founded their own company, Wright & Filippis.

Since its founding, Wright & Filippis has grown into one of the only companies in the United States that offers complete equipment services for the disabled, from state-of-the-art prosthetic limbs to public education about rehabilitation.

More remarkably, however, is what Mr. Filippis has done for the spirit of the disabled community in Michigan. In June 1999, he founded the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame.

Annually, the Hall of Fame recognizes the top Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as well as identifying a Lifetime Achievement Award winner and other Hall of Fame inductees.

The Hall of Fame, however, does more than recognize the immense athletic achievement of Michiganians with disabilities. It also tells their stories so that other people with disabilities can draw strength and inspiration from them.

It tells stories of people like Cheryl Angelelli who, despite being confined to a wheelchair due to spinal cord damage, has proven herself a formidable opponent in a swimming pool.

Among other achievements, she claimed a national title with one gold and four silver medals at the 1999 U.S. National Disability Championships. Ranking 10th in the world and second in the U.S. in the 100-meter breast stroke and the 200-meter individual medley, she earned a spot on the paralympic swimming team for the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia.

It tells stories of people who also give back to their community. Ms. Angelelli is a member of several advisory councils for people with disabilities and her expertise is sought by the management of concert halls and stadiums on how to make their venues more accessible to their disabled patrons.

In the manner that Churchill called for, Mr. Filippis took his painful experience of discrimination and used it as fuel to try to prevent those with disabilities today from feeling the same sense of alienation he had. Through his organization, others with disabilities can be honored for their achievement and be a source of motivation to others.

We appreciate his hard work and thank him.●

#### CARILION MEDICAL CENTER NURSES

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I want to congratulate the wonderful nurses at Carilion Medical Center in Roanoke for recently achieving Magnet Recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, ANCC, a division of the American Nurses Association.

The mission of the ANCC is to promote excellence in nursing and health care globally through credentialing programs and related services. Their designation of Magnet Recognition is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon hospital nurses. Currently, Carilion Medical Center is one of just 102 health care organizations in the U.S. to have received this recognition from the ANCC.

Last November, I had the opportunity to tour the Carilion Medical Center. During my visit, I got to see firsthand the outstanding dedication and commitment that the nurses provide their patients. I am pleased today to recognize the exceptional nurses at Carilion Health Center on their tremendous achievement and wish them continued success.●

#### HONORING D.L. EVANS BANK ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I today honor D.L. Evans Bank on reaching a tremendous milestone—100 years in business. D.L. Evans bank is a financial institution in the largest sense of that word. It is a significant, established organization with branches solely in my home State of Idaho, and widely recognized for quality, personalized banking services to the community. Today I honor the Evans family and their employees for their long, proud history of financial service to Idahoans and many others.

In 1904, D.L. Evans and a group of pioneer businessmen met and organized Cassia County's first bank. Despite the floods, fires, droughts, and even grasshoppers that have wreaked havoc on its customers, the bank has survived many tough economic times. As other banks around the country were closing their doors, D.L. Evans Bank was expanding—moving from its one-story frame building to a two-story stone headquarters in the early 1900s. From that original Albion branch, the bank has opened locations in Boise, Burley, Meridian, Ketchum, Jerome, Rupert, and Twin Falls. It is now the second largest community bank head quartered in southern Idaho with \$388 million in assets and \$345 million in deposits.

The Evans family's participation in the Idaho State Government has been no less impressive. The bank's founder, D.L. Evans, served in the Idaho Senate from 1903-1904 and 1923-1924. The current President, John V. Evans Sr., has served in numerous government capacities including as Governor of Idaho, Mayor of Malad City, State Senator and Majority and Minority Leader of

the Idaho Senate, and Lieutenant Governor. The Evans family and D.L. Evans Bank have made important contributions to both the private and public sector in Idaho.

Congratulations to the employees, friends, and family of D.L. Evans on the centennial anniversary. D.L. Evans is a bank with a proud history, impressive current achievements, and a promising future. I wish the bank and its employees the best as they continue to serve the communities and families of Idaho.●

#### PAGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 2003 BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY AND CHEERLEADING TEAMS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize the great achievements and dedication of the Page County High School Boys' Cross Country and Cheerleading teams. Both teams finished their outstanding 2003 seasons by winning State championship titles.

Throughout the season, the cross country and cheerleading teams showed the determination of a championship team. They worked continuously to develop needed skills, persevere as athletes and follow the leadership of their coaches.

This is the third State title in 4 years for the Panthers Boys' Cross Country Team. In addition, the Panthers have won the Shenandoah District regular season championship for six consecutive seasons and have now been crowned District Champions for 5 years in a row.

Congratulations to the members of the Page County High School Boys' Cross Country Team: Adam Atkins, Nathan Batman, Steve Beers, Wayne Beers, Zach Bouldin, Tommy Copeland, Jeff Frazier, Nathaniel Nelson, Ethan Price, Todd Somers, T.J. Stoneberger; and their Coach Stanley Price.

This is also the cheerleading team's third victory at the Virginia High School League Group A State cheerleading championship in 4 years. The Panthers have now won seven consecutive Shenandoah District Championships and five consecutive Region B cheerleading titles.

I would also like to congratulate the members of the Page County Cheerleading Team: Brittany Aldrige, Heather Alger, Casey Burke, Ashley Campbell, Caitlin Cave, Elizabeth Colopy, Tiffany Comer, Amanda Cabbage, Kara Greber, Stephanie Grimsley, Kendrick Harris, Preston Harris, Felicia Jenkins, Sara Maiden, Kayla McPherson, Clay Nevitt, Vanessa Prince, Tiara Rodgers, Holly Shifflett, Sean Stewart, Nicole Taylor, Kevin Tester, Aaron Williams, Whitney Williams, Megan Yager; and their Coaches, Barbara Hilliard, Brandy Strickler and Kevin Cabbage.

I am pleased to congratulate all of the athletes and the coaches on the Page County Boys' Cross Country and Cheerleading teams. They have made